Tourism Authority for development of Sindhudurg. Big hotel chains have identified various sites for construction of hotel accommodation facilities, amusement parks and other tourist attractions in the area.

Relief to Hotel Sector

2135. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that hotel industry is in bad shape for the last three consecutive years and are running in heavy loss; and

(b) whether Government plan to offer any relief to the hotel sector and make this industry once again vibrant and viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) and (b) The Union Government has accorded Export House status to Tourism Units including hotels which are entitled to various benefits. The Union Government also provides various incentives and concessional duty to the approved hotels and hotel projects including income tax exemptions, interest subsidy for 1--3 star and heritage hotels. The State Governments also provide support for Tourism as per policies in their area. Hotels being largely in the private have to deal with ups and downs in market conditions.

Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal

2136. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal which was estimated to cost Rs. 176 core has already cost Rs. 600 crore as reported in the Observer dated the 20th October, 1999;

(b) whether it is a fact that the 91 km. stretch of this canal in Haryana has already been completed;

(c) whether the 120 km. stretch in Punjab is incomplete only because two villages Samailpur-Sarala and Malon are opposing it; and

(d) by when and in what manner Government propose to sort out this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir. The estimated cost approved by the Technical Advisory Committee has risen from Rs. 176 crores in 1984 to Rs. 601.25 crores in 1994.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Restarting and completion of Punjab's portion of the Sutluj-Yamuna Link Canal Project is subjudice under a suit filed by Haryana in the Supreme Court in 1995 and re-filed in 1996.

Completion of Rajghat Dam Project on Betwa River

†2137. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajghat Dam Project on Betwa River is being constructed on "equal cost and equal profit" basis between the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project has almost been completed and Uttar Pradesh has paid its entire share but Madhya Pradesh has yet to pay an amount of Rs. 48.23 crores as a result of which no benefit is being derived from the Project; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this matter and by when this project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Although the Rajhat Dam Project has been completed, the full benefits of the project cannot be derived on account of non-